

A notable
And wonderfull
SEA-FIGHT.

Betweene
Two great and vvel-mounted
SPANISH SHIPPS.

And a
Small and not very well prouyded
ENGLISH SHIPP.

VVho par force vvas constreyned to
enter into this conflict.



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The 14. of March / being in the latitude of
11. and a halfe / some 20. leagues short of
Batalina in the morning about 6 a clocke/
the weather bringe thicke / we descried a
Shipp spinge a hull / and being desirous
to understand some newes / we edged with her / but
she presendie set all her sailes / and standing aways
South and by West ranne us out of sight in 3. or 4.
glasses the 15. we sett Batalina / and so wasting the
Iland of Dominico bare with Guardalupo / where
wee anchored to take in some water / which we much
wanted. Then came aboard us some certypae In-
dians / and 6. French men / having remained there
some 16. moneths / being call upon that Iland by
shipwaske / they informed us of a Spanish man of
warre that past along some 7. dayes past / who shot
at the Inhabitants / and of another shipp that an-
chored there some 2. dayes before our arrivall / whose
Captayne and other were ashore and brought wine
with them / makinge verie merrie with greateshewe
of ioye / who stayed on the one night as anko / but
what course they stood at her departure they could
not relate by reason that feare forced them to flee in-
to the Mountaynes / but the Indians told us / they
stood towards S. Vincents / and that they left word
with them / that when the greates fleet came / they
should tell the Generall that Capteyne Worthol-
me was gone up in prosecution of his direction /
this was the shipp we sawe a hull which we image
on the sight of her to be some Spanish man of warre
in that no Merchant man would loose advantage of
so fayre a wynde / as then shee had to carry her away
to her part / and spend the tyme in hullinge / it should
seeme

seeme the Spaniards onelie stirred that countrie / to be-
traye them the rather / to betraye us whome un-
doubtedlye at Mevils, being the comon tradwaye of all
Englishe and Dutche that fall with those Islands
from Guadalupe wee departed the 18 of March / ha-
vinge to Menis / which we helde a halfe roade and
more freed from the Spaniards / where wee deter-
mined to repaire our shipp with a dangerous storme
that tooke us some 70. leagues of our owne coast /
and also to refreshe our people / which had nowe bene
some 11. Weekes imprisoned in an ill conditioned
Shipp / but wee were by Gods permission prevented
of both for fallinge with Menis the 19 of March and
lackinge about the furthestmost pointe / to stand in
with the shore wee perceived two tall Shippes at
ancker / right with the watering place there top-
sables tooke / and there boates goinge a shore for there
men / whome wee made to be Hollanders in respecte
of there buble / and the Holland cullers bozne by the
Admirall in her mayne top / the Viz. Admirall ha-
vinge his foretop mast downe and no cullers abroad
wee imagined her prise / and beinge pressed by neces-
sie of water / and tryminge our Shipp wee came to
an anchor sayre by them presentlie sendinge of our
boate in freindlie manner unarmed to hall them /
who comung neere made the both Spaniards whose
repozte not givinge satisfaction / and to be better re-
solved wee sent of our boate againe / thinkinge it not
amisse howsoever to gayne some tyme partlie to fitt
our Shipp / which was much pestered with goods
betwixt the deckes and altogether unproped for
fight / either defensive or offensive the boat coming neer
happed the head most ship which was the Viz. Ad-
mirall

mirall/ who shee was of the Sea/ and commaunded the
hoate aboard/ but shee rewe from them / and thereu-
pon receiued a bolly upon of small short poured ve-
rie dangeroussie among them/ the hoate shot through
together with there clothes/ but no man hurte / and
after followed them to the shipp with greate short /
wee were now resolved what they were and beganne
to receiue short from them both verie freete/ which
wee could not answer/ having no peece in our gun-
ner Roome/ noz a best able to beare upon them/ where
upon the Maister layd out a warpe to have brought
out ozdinance to passe/ but not pzehaplinge wee were
forced to wape it with the hoate/ which receiued ma-
ny short from them in rowinge out/ and in wrighting
it nowe had the Viz-Admirall heaved up to her
warpe/ for both had layd out warpes to wyndward
to heave to if wee should have anchored short/ and
settinge sauple/ beganne to lett. As her broads side as
she came up in our leequarter. the Admirall havinge
receiued her men from shore / havinge her topsaule
loose beganne to wape/ which wee perceyvinge and
knowinge the disadvantage of our owne Ozdinance
with the hazard of beinge boarded at anchor by two
shippys wee lett sauple / havinge the Viz-Admirall on
our starbozdside/ hardlie beateinge on us / but shee re-
ceiued diuers sauple short especiallie from our demp-
culberinge/ which short her betwene wynde and wa-
ter/ bare of to Sea/ levinge her Admirall onely single
with us / which came sauple in our quarter to wind-
ward/ takinge in her Holland flagge / put out her
Spanishe flagge and hapled us/ wee answered what
wee were and whether we were bounde relatinge our
comission the cause/ and our tarping there for water/

not any waie to anoye any subiecte of the Kinge of
Spayne / then they charged us to strike for the
Kinge of Spayne / wee tolde them of the league be-
twixt the Kinge our Master and there Kinge / and as-
sured them as wee ment no ill wee would take no
wronge / so I left the poope / but they called for the
Captaine agayne / which when he presented himself
to them / they called him to come aboard with his co-
mission / which hee refusinge withinge them to send
there boate aboarde of us / and wee would shewe it
them / they let lie two greateshot at us / and powred
into us a valley of smal shot before wee coulde gett
of the poope / weathing us with bright swords / cal-
ling us dogges / and bolde rapling at us / and lapt us
aboard / then wee rapted up our maynelaple / our
small shot lyinge close suddently brake forth on the
word given / and pined them in such sorte that they
scurge their life / and so continued fight some halfe
houre in our quarter till perceyvinge our wall naked
runne upon our side / and lapt us aboard lufe to lufe /
hastinge with pikes and swords to enter / but our
pikes beinge for me the placed under our halfe decks /
and receyvinge shot for that purpose / lyinge close under
the porrells of the Shipp / beinge the windward side
receyved there the charge was hot / and the fight be-
ganne to be bloddye / many fell on there side / and di-
ders of our men hurt / in the end wee repulled them /
but they were forced by there Comaunders / and a-
gayne beaten backe which the Capten not brooking
with costrenned the to com on and was himselfe lapt
with small shot at the foote of his pike in the sight
of us all / with hisers of there best men for our small
shot from our quarter brake upon them with greate
advan-

advantage / as likewise false shot that plied under
our pike / howe then repred as amazed which our
carpenters made one Lucas perceiving drew out a
mynion hee plied under the halfe decke / and thru-
stinge it out at the doore of the halfe decke / bent it on
them / and firinge it flew many clearing the decke
in such sorte that wee sawe fewe assaylants after but
such as crept from place to place herie covertie / our
greate Ordnance bringe on her 4. wee could use in the
fight / but beinge well plied wee tore them much in
the fight betwixt winde and water / so as we sawe a
besse in her so leave us / but by reason shee was fast
in a clack of our Cable / which in haste of wappinge
was lefte backe / shee could not buge from us untill
one of our men cut it with an Aze without direction/
and was slayne for his labour / but shee perceivinge
herselfe losse inke from us after shee had bene aboard
at least 2. houres and a halfe / wee plingge her still
both with greate and small shot so long as shee was
with in callver shot / then wee seinge the Vice Ad-
mirall had plied with the length of her Ordnance/
wee manned our shipp soone / and astand wraved
them amaine / which done wee approched the Vice-
Admirall / for the Admirall shot not our shoote more
at us neyther great nor small / but the Viz-Admirall
which wee expected woulde lay us aboard thwarre
but howe came us nere / then falcon shot / and there
plied us still on our lee side till shee receyved an other
payment from our demycalveringe / which made her
beare with the shore into swothy water / wh:re shee
remayned till 2. of the clocke at night / at what tyme
shee came up agayne with her Admirall / who still
foolke not our quarter within muskett shot / but
was

was a quiet Night bounte/ after they had parted they
spread themselves on both our quarters / and so kept
us Companie with there topsailes downe all that
night which we spent in providinge to entercepte
them the next morninge/ and indeede wee were better
provided to welcome them the next daye / then the
daye before / if they had assailed us / the morninge
beinge come / wee sawe them speake together / and
with manye Words a crosse kept us company / but
hasted not up/ at length the Admirall made shewe of
an encounter/ which made us provide for fight / and
prayer beinge ended / we perceived the Vice-Admirall
hange asterne and cutt her mayne saile to come
up and stirred were all / which we admired at having
noted her to be the best saile / in that she spared
her Admirall a fore topsaile / at length the Admirall
shooke in the water/ givinge us leave to turne a head
where wee perceived the Vice-Admirall to stand in
all saile she coude make for a small Island called Sa-
na , which the Admirall perceyvinge tackt about
and lost us bearinge with that Island also/ where wee
sawe at the length of the Island the Vice-Admirall we
lost sight of/ and could see her no more/ although wee
sawe the breach of the sheare all alonge / and the Ad-
mirall also / which caused to Imagine her forced a
shore by her leakes received the daye before / and
without doubte the Admirall had never gotten from
our side/ could wee have brought over our demicul-
veringe/ on our fightinge side / which was endeavored
by our Master and gunner/ but it was in vaine: this
fight continued 5. or 6. houres/ wherein we lost Doc-
ter Bohune/ and 7. other men on right/ and 2. that
died shortly after of there wounds / and 16. shot
through

though in some speciall parts of there bodies / but
now all recovered praise be to God by the diligence
of our surgeons. How many they lost wee cannot en-
forme / but wee sawe many lye slayne on the deckes /
and many cast over board in fight / besides wee were
eye witnesses that there skippers ranne with blood /
and the Sea betwixt us especiallke / in there quarter
was colored.

The burthen of there Admirall was 300. tonnes /
having 22. peeces of brasse. There Viz. Admirall 200
tonnes / having 10. peeces of brasse.

The burthen of our shipp 160. tonnes / havinge 8.
Iron cast peeces / with one small faulcon.

<i>Slaine in fight.</i>	Alexander Boucarrin.
Doctor Bohune.	William Banington gent.
Thomas Demeter gent.	William Ioyce qu. Mast.
Tho. Reade.	Iohn Watkinge.
Williams Garrett.	Iohn Wilson sayler.
Tho. Vernam.	George Tayler sayler.
Gabriell Pcyes.	William Lucas sayler.
David Batheringe.	Iohn Robbinses steward.
Raph.	Philipp Darvvyne.

<i>Died of it.</i>	Three French men.
Francis Annis gent.	Robert Lector.
Edward Netoberie sayler.	Anthony Brovve gent.

Wounded yet cured.
William Bird gent.

CHAP. XIII.

A true Relation of a Sea Fight betweene two great and well appointed Spanish Ships, or Men of Warre; and an English Ship, called the Margaret and John, or the Blacke Hodge, going for Virginia.

1620.



Aving taken our journey toward *Virginia* in the beginning of February last past, in a Ship called the *Blacke Hodge*, her burthen one hundred and sixtie tunne, manned onely with eight Iron Peeeces, and a poore Faulcon, we soone over-passed both the tedious endurances and fearefull dangers of such a Voyage, and came at last by the foureteenth of March vnder 13. and halfe Latitude, within twenty leagues of *Matalina*.

Hollanders co-
jours.

Falling with *Menis* by the twentieth of March, and compassing the furthest point to stand in the hand sommer with the shore, wee perceiued two tall Ships at anchor right ouer against the watering place with their top sayles loose, and their Boates going ashore for their men. At first we supposed them *Hollanders*, in respect of their building, and the *Hollanders* colours borne by their Admirall in the maine top, the vice Admirall hauing his fore top mast downe, and no colors displayed, which encreased our former opinion, adding withall that it must needs be prise, or some other Ship subiect to the misfortune of a fight.

But driuing by necessity of water, and willing to refresh our selues a shoare, wee trimmed our Ship, and came to anchor fairely by them, sending our Boate in friendly manner to hale them both vnprovidd and vnarmed, which returned with certificate, that they were *Spaniards*, where in not fully satisfied, by reason of our former apprehension that it was otherwise; the better to be resolued, we sent out our Boate againe, as well to be assured what to trust vnto, as to gaine sometime to prepare our Shippe, and trim her more commodiously, being pestered with goods and fardels betweene the deckes, and altogether vnprovidd for any fight, either offensive or defensive.

The Spaniards
shot at the boat

The Boate approached the hindmost Ship, which I call the vice-Admirall, and hailed her, demanding who they were, but instead of resolving vs, she commanded them to come aboard, and would answere no otherwise; whereupon the Boate rowed from them, as resolving all was not well, and so made haste vnto vs againe, yet could not preuent a volley of small shot powred very dangerously amongst them, insomuch that they had their cloathes shot through, their Oars shiuered, and the sides battered with Bullets; yet thanks be to God, neither was a man hurt, nor any thing lost; which, as if they had had notice of the same escape, rated their rage so much the more: For by that time the Boate was out of reach of their small shot, they followed it to the Ship with great Ordnance; and when they perceiued they were safely come aboard, they tooke it so ill, that they thundred against our Ship with the soarer rage, and most violent vollies, which we could not answer, hauing no Peece in our gunner roome, nor indeede any other well mounted for such a Sea fight.

They shot at
the Ship.
English vnpre-
pared for fight.

Spanish aduan-
taged.

By this time their vice Admirall heaued vp her anchor to her warpe, and laid her selfe to wind-ward, if either we should passe forward, or anchor short againe, so that we perceiued they meant to assault vs on all hands: for she let flye a whole broad-side vpon vs, and came furiously vp to our lee quarter without damage or resistance of our parts.

But when we were thus terrified and threatned by them, and thus encombred and disanimated amongst our selues, knowing withall (by reason of our ill prepared Ordnance) the disadvantage and hazard to be boarded at anchor by two good Ships well prepared for spoyle and ruine; we hoysed vp our sailes, and determined to set forward, had not the vice-Admirall come on our star-boord side, and beate vpon vs so hardly, that we fell to our businesse, and answered their vnkindnesse accordingly with many faire shot, which proued most effectuell, especially from a demy-culuering, which at last shot her betweene winde and water, so that shee was compelled from vs, and bare off to Sea, leauing her Admirall onely single with vs, who at last came fairely in our quarter to winde-ward, taking in her *Holland* flagge, and aduanced her *Spanish* colours, and so hailed vs.

Spanish colors.

Their conference.

We quietly and quickly answered, both what we were, and whither wee were bound, discovering the effect of our Commission, and relating the cause of our tarying there for water, neither purposing to annoy any subiect of the King of *Spaine*, nor by way of affront to braue either Merchant or man of Warre. Then she charged vs to strike our sailes for the King of *Spaine*, and vaile the bonnet according to the prerogatiue they had in those Seas: we replied with enlarging the particulars of the league betweene the King our Master and their King, adding with all, that as we intended no ill, we would take no wrong; Whereupon the Master left the poope, and sequestred himselfe from such open conference, had they not called for the Captaine againe, who at last presented himselfe, till they commanded him to come aboard with his Commission, which

which he refused, yet wished them to send their Boat aboard, and then they should see it most willingly.

But instead either of answering vs further with kinde words, or accepting of our reply in good part, they made two great shot at vs, and poured among vs such a volley of small shot, before we could get off the poope, that we thanked God they did no more harme, yet we were much amazed they did so much: not thus content they waied vs with their bright swords, and reuiled vs with opprobrious tearmes, mis-tearining vs dogs, and inuventing more odious names against vs, then we could imagine that *Christians* durst vrge one another withall: at last they laid vs aboard, which enforced vs to raise vp our maine sayle, and to giue the word to our small shot, which all this while lay close, well resolved and prepared: but sodainely breaking
10 forth wee plyed them in such sort that wee made them giue backe and shrinke from their former forwardnesse.

Insolence of the Spaniards.

The English fight.

The fight continued some halfe houre in our quarter, and according to the terrour of such encounters, wee were compast as it were in fire and smoake, vntill they discovered the waste of our Ship naked, and were encouraged with the hope of reciprocall damage, whereupon they brauely ranne vpon our side, and laid vs aboard loose to loose, halstning with Pikes and Swords to enter, to which was added such fury, that if they had not beene prevented, we should haue shrunk vnder the rage of a barbarous slaughter: but it pleased God so to direct our Master with
advice, and encourage our men with valour, that our Pikes being formerly placed vnder our
10 halfe decke, and certaine shot lying close for that purpose vnder the portels of the Shippe, encountred them so brauely, that their fury was not onely rebated, but their hastinesse intercepted, and the whole Company beaten backe, especially vpon the wind-ward side, where the charge was hottest, and the fight bloodiest; for there the throng was great, and men had worke enough to make prooffe of their courages and fortunes. Diuers of our men were hurt, and many fell on their side.

Spaniards seek to enter.

Their repulse.

In the end they were violently repulsed by vs, enforced to a retreat, vntill they were reinforced backe againe by their Commanders, who standing vpon tearmes of honor, as being men of Warre, and designed for that purpose, thought it an indignity to be so afronted and countermanded; which caused a second charge, and that was answered with a second beating backe, till the
Second charge

p Captaine himfelfe grew enraged, as not brooking to be fo much ouermated, and constrained them to come on a frefh, which they did fo effectually, that queftionleffe it had wrought an alteration, if the God that toffeth Monarchies, and teareth the Mountaines in his fury, had not taught vs to toffe our Pikes with prosperous euent, and poured out a fodaine volley of fmall fhott vpon them, whereby that worthy Commander was flaine at the foote of a Pike, and many of his Souldiers dropped downe on the top of the hatches. Presently our Mafter tooke aduantage of their difcomfiture (though with fome commiferation for their valiant Captaine fo flaine) that hee not onely plyed them a frefh with great Ordnance, but had more false fhott vnder the Pikes, which were beftowed to good purpofe, and amafed our enemies with the fodainneffe.

Third charge:

Their Captaine flaine.

Amongft the reft one *Lucas* our Carpenters mate muft not be forgotten, who perceiued a way how to annoy them, as they were thus pulled and in a confufion, drue out a minion which hee nobly fet a worke vnder the halfe decke, till at the laft hee brought it to the doxe of the halfe decke, and there bent it vpon them, but in fuch a manner, that when it was fiered the cafes full of ftones and peeces of Iron fell vpon them like haile, and cleared their decke in fuch a fort that it flue many, and in fhort time we faw few affailants, but onely fuch as crept from place to place very couertly, and feemed willing to obfcure themfelves from the fury of our fhott, which now was thicker then theirs: For although (as farre as we may commend our enemies) they had done fome things worthy of admiration: yet either wanting men, or ouertaken with the vnlooked for valour of our company, they now began to shrink, and gaue vs leaue to be wanton with our aduantage.

Lucas his braue aft.

The cafe altered.
Omnium rerum viciffitudo.

p Yet were our great Ordnance onely foure, that we could vfe in this fight, but it fhould fee me they ferued the turne as well as foure times foure: for they fhott her diuers times betwene winde and water, and fo preuailed, that at laft we faw many fignes of their willingneffe to leaue vs, but by reafon fhe was faft in a flach of our cable, which in hafte of weighing our anchor hung loofe, fhe could not be diuided nor make that way fhee purpofed, vntill one of our men cut it with an Axe without direction, and was flaine for his labour. But when fhe perceiued fhe was loofe, after fhe had bene a boord two houres and a halfe, good Lord what hafte fhe made, and how quickly were we diuided, both great and fmall fhott playing on both fides, which lafted vntill the remoteneffe was aboue a Caliuer fhott, and we difcouered the vice-Admirall comming to her affiftance, who began a farre off to ply vs with great fhott, and put vs in minde we had another worke in hand.

The *Englifh* could vfe but foure Ordnance.

Spaniards fall off.

60 Whereupon wee manned our Ship a new, feparating the dead and hurt bodies by themfelves from vs, and were fo encouraged, that we waied her, and in a manner made toward her to fight a frefh: For when we perceiued, that the Admirall made not a fhott more at vs, we verily imagined, that either fhe was preparing her felfe with a new fupply, or wanted men to make her feiueable

Brauo do turne and *Englifh*.

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or resolved to goe away from vs, considering shee had lost her Captaine; yet loth to bee secure, and imagining the Vice-admirall might come and boord vs finding vs play, till the Admirall did make her selfe better readie, we prepared our selues, wondring yet that shee came no neerer vs then Falcon shot, wherewith she plyed vs still on the Lee side, vntill at last she receiued another payment from our Demie-culuering, which shot her through, and made her beare with the shore into smooth water, where shee remayned till two of the clocke after midnight, and so wee had time to reforme our disorders, and make our selues better readie for the next dayes varietie.

Next dayes
fight.

By breake of day she came vp againe with the Admirall with her; as if they determined indeed to deuoure vs at once; but as it seemed it was but a Brauado, though for the time they forsooke not our quarter within Musket shot: for all that night and morning they were quiet to Neighbours, and kept vs company without any great annoyance with their Top-sayles downe, not knowing, as it should seeme, what to doe with vs, or else suspecting their owne hurts and Leakes, they durst not trust themselves too farre from Land, nor to the forie of another encounter. All that night we had time and leisure to ouer-look our losses, and prepare for them, the Admirall made shew of an encounter, and we after Prayers were ended provided to fight with them, but suddenly wee perceiued the Vice-Admirall hang a sterne, cutting her mayne sayle to come vp, and stirring very ill.

The Vice-Admirall seeketh to recouer the Iland, and the qualitie, *Sana*.

At length the Admirall shooke in the wind, and by apparant signes gaue vs notice of slackning her course, whereby we might runne a head and follow the Seas at her pleasure, so wee perceiued the Vice-Admirall with all her Sayles to make towards an Iland called *Sana*, which the Admirall either tooke notice of, as knowing the danger shee was in, or gaue directions accordingly, considering there was no good to bee done with vs: for presently shee tacked about and lost vs, bearing toward that Iland also.

Doctor *Behune* and seuen others slaine out-right.

Wee lost Doctor *Behune*, and seuen other were slaine out-right: two died shortly after of their wounds, and sixteene were shot through in some part or other of the bodie, whose wounds Gods be thanked were recured and without mayme or further impeachment of health are now recovered and settled in *Virginia*, according to our first intended purpose and Commission: I reckon not such as are hurt with Pikes and other offensive Weapons, because there was no danger in their cures, and the skilfull Surgeon shewed his art and good speed with facilitie. How many they lost wee cannot tell, nor what men of name were entertayned amongst them, only I am sure we saw many lie slaine on the Decke, and more cast ouer-boord in the fight, besides the Scuppers ran with bloud, and the very Sea in their quarter was coloured with a Scarlet hue, and looked fearfully vpon vs all.

Spanish losse.

Spanish ships
described.

The burthen of their Admirall was three hundred tunnes, hauing two and twentie Peeces of Brasse, and all prouision of a man of Warre indeed: their Vice-Admirall three hundred tun, and sixteene cast Peeces, nor much inferiour to her for trimming and correspondent Equipage, and both to outward shew ouer-masterfull and daring for one poore Merchant and Passenger, being but a hundred and sixtie tunnes, hauing eight Iron Peeces and one Falcon, ouer-loaden with Stuffle and Wares, encombred with Passengers, royled with a storme, tyred with a long Voyage, affrighted with wants, and euery way insufficient to answere any such enimie: but 49 as it in the Scripture, it is all one to thee, O God, whether there be few or many, and *Gedons* three hundred shall slay many thousands of the *Midianites*: as for deliuerances, the people of *Israell* shall passe through the Red Sea dry foot: *Jonas* shall bee cast safe on shoare out of the Whales belly: and *Paul* shall escape shipwracke, sauing his life with all his Passengers in the Island of *Malta*.

For to conclude with the purpose in hand, there is one thing most remarkable as an inducement to this our deliuerance, that Captaine *Chester* embraced Doctor *Bohune* beeing mortally wounded, and thus recomforted him, saying, O Doctor *Bohune* what a disaster is this; the Noble Doctor no whit exanimated, replied; Fight it out brave man, the cause is good, and Lord rescue my soule.

A Sea Fight.

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Slaine out right. Doctor *Bohune*. Thomas *Demeter* Gentleman. Tb. *Read*. William *Garret*. Tb. *Vernam*. Gabriel *Peter*. David *Baibering*. Raph. &c. Died after. Francis *Annis* Gentleman. Ed. *Nerobery* Sayler. Wounded yet cured. William *Bird* Gentleman. Alexander *Bouentine*. William *Bunnington* Gentleman. William *Ioyce* Quarter Master. John *Wakings*. John *Wilson* Sayler. George *Tayler* Sayler. William *Lucas* Sayler. John *Robbins* Steward. Phillip *Durwine*. Three Frenchmen. Robert *Lector*. Anthony *Browne* Gentleman.

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CHAP.

A desperat Sea-fight at the Ile of Dominica.

A desperat Sea-fight betwixt two Spanish men of warre, and a small English ship, at the Ile of Dominica going to Virginia, by Captaine Anthony Chester.

1630.
The Earle of
Southampton
Treasurer, and
M. John Ferrar
Deputy.

A French-man
cast away at
Guardalupo.

The Spaniards
begin.

HAuing taken our journey towards *Virginia* in the beginning of February, a ship called the *Margaret* and *John*, of one hundred and sixtytuns; eight Iron Peeeces and a Falcon, with eightie Passengers besides Sailers; After many tempests and soule weather, about the foureteenth of March we were in thirteene degrees and an halfe of Northerly latitude, where we descried a ship at hull; it being but a faire gale of wind, we edged towards her to see what she was, but she presently set saile, and ran vs quickly out of sight: This made vs keepe our course for *Mettalina*, and the next day passing *Dominica*, we came to an anchor at *Guardalupo*, to take in fresh water. Six French-men there cast away sixteene moneths agoe came aboard vs; they told vs a Spanish man of Warre but seven daies before was seeking his consort, and this was she we descried at hull. At *Menis* we intended to refresh our selues, hauing beene eleven weeks pestered in this vnwholsome ship; but there we found two tall ships with the *Hollanders* colours, but necessitie forcing vs on shore, we anchored saire by them, and in friendly manner sent to hale them: but seeing they were *Spaniards*, retiring to our ship, they sent such a volley of shot after vs, that shot the Boar, split the Oares, and some thorow the clothes, yet not a man hurt; and then followed with their great Ordnance, that many times ouer-racked our ship, which being so cumbred with the Passengers prouisions, our Ordnance was not well fitted, nor any thing as it should haue beene. But perceiuing what they were, we fitted our selues the best we could to preuent a mischief, seeing them warp themselves to windward, we thought it not good to be boarded on both sides at an anchor, we intended to set saile, but that the Vice-Admirall battered so hard our

The Vice-Admirall shot betweene wind and water.

star-boord side, that we fell to our businesse, and answered their vnkindnesse with such faire shot from a Demiculuering, that shot her betweene wind and water, whereby she was glad to leane vs and her Admirall together. Comming faire by our quarter, he tooke in his *Holland* flag, and put forth his Spanish colours, and so hailed vs.

The manner of their fight.

We quietly and quickly answered him, both what wee were, and whither bound, relating the effect of our Commission, and the cause of our comming thither for water, and not to annoy any of the King of *Spaines* Subiects, nor any. She commanded vs amaine for the King of *Spaine*, we replied with enlarging the particulars what friends both the Kings our Masters were, and as we would doe no wrong, we would take none. They commanded vs aboard to shew our Commission, which we refused, but if they would send their Boar to vs willingly they should see it. But for answer they made two great shot at vs, with a volley of small shot, which caused vs to leaue the decks; then with many ill words they laid vs aboard, which caused vs to raise our maine saile, and giue the word to our small shot which lay close and ready, that paid them in such sort, they quickly retired. The fight continued halfe an houre, as if we had beene inuironed with fire and smoke, vntill they discovered the waste of our ship naked, where they brauely boarded vs loose for loose, hasting with pikes and swords to enter, but it pleased God so to direct our Captaine, and encourage our men with valour, that our pikes being formerly placed vnder our halfe deck, and certaine shot lying close for that purpose vnder the Port holes, encountered them so rudely, that their fury was not onely rebared, but their hastinesse intercepted, and their whole company beaten backe, many of our men were hurt, but I am sure they had two for one.

In the end they were violently repulsed, vntill they were reinforced to charge againe

again by their commands, who standing vpon their honors, thought it a great indignity to be so affronted, which caused a second charge, and that answered with a second bearing backe: whereat the Captaine grew iuraged, and constrained them to come on againe afresh, which they did so effectually, that questionlesse it had wrought an alteration, if the God that rolleth Monarchies, and teareth Mountaines, had not taught vs to tolle our Pikes with prosperous euents, and powred out a volley of small shot amongst them, whereby that valiant Com-mander was slaine, and many of his Souldiers dropped downe likewise on the top of the hatches. This we saw with our eyes, and reioyced with it at our hearts, so that we might perceiue good successe coming on, our Captaine presently tooke ad-
uantage of their discomfiture, though with much comiseration of that resolute Captaine, and not onely plied them againe with our Ordnance, but had more shot vnder the Pikes, which was bestowed to good purpose, and amazed our ene-mies with the suddennesse.

The Captaine
slaine.

Amongst the rest, one *Lucas*, our Carpenters Mate, must not be forgotten, who perceiuing away how to annoy them, As they were thus puzzled and in a confu-sion, drew out a Minion vnder the halfe decke, and there bent it vpon them in such a manner, that when it was fired, the cases of Stones and peeces of Iron fell vpon them so thick, as cleared the decke, and slew many, and in short time we saw few assailants, but such as crept from place to place couerdy from the fury of our shot, which now was thicker than theirs: for although as far as we may comend our enemies, they had done something worthy of commendations, yet either wanting men, or being overtaken with the vnlooked for valour of our men, they now be-gan to shrink, and giue vs leaue to be wanton with our aduantage. Yet we could onely vse but foure peece of Ordnances, but they serued the turne as well as all the rest: for she was shot so oft betweene wind and water, we saw they were wil-ling to leaue vs, but by reason she was fast in the latch of our cable, which in haste of weighing our anchor hung aloofe, she could not cleare her selfe as she wrought

A worthy exploit
of *Lucas*.

to doe, till one cut the Cable with an axe, and was slaine by freeing vs: Having
 beene aboard vs two houres and an halfe, seeing her selfe cleere, all the shot wee
 had plaid on both sides, which lasted till we were out of shot; then we discovered
 the Vice-Admirall comming to her assistance, who began a farre off to ply vs with
 their Ordnances, and put vs in minde we had another worke in hand. Whereup-
 on we separated the dead and hurt bodies, and manned the ship with the rest, and
 were so well encouraged wee waisted them amaine. The *Admirall* stood aloofe
 off, and the other would not come within Falcon shot, where she lay battering vs
 till she receiued another payment from a Demiculvering, which made her beare
 with the shore for smooth water to mend her leakes. The next morning they both
 came vp againe with vs, as if they had determined to deuour vs at once, but it see-
 med it was but a brauado, though they forsooke not our quarter for a time within
 Musket shot; yet all the night onely they kept vs company, but made no shot.
 During which time we had leasure to prouide vs better than before: but God be-
 thanked they made onely but a shew of another assault, ere suddenly the Vice-ad-
 mirall fell a starne, and the other lay shaking in the wind, and so they both left vs.
 The fight continued six houres, and was the more vnwelcome, because we were
 so ill provided, and had no intent to fight, nor giue occasion to disturbe them. As
 for the losse of men, if Religion had not taught vs what by the providence of God
 is brought to passe, yet daily experience might informe vs, of the dangers of
 wars, and perils at sea, by stormes tempests, shipwracks, encounters with Pirats,
 meeting with enemies, crosse winds, long voyages, vnknowne shores, barbarous
 Nations, and an hundred inconueniences, of which humane pollicies are not capa-
 ble, nor mens coniectures apprehensue. We lost Doctor *Bobus*, a worthy valiant
 Gentleman, (a long time brought vp amongst the most learned Surgeons, and
 Physitions in *Netherlands*, and this his second journey to *Virginia*;) and seuen
 slaine out right, two died shortly of their wounds, sixteene was shot, whose limbs

The event of the
 fight.

The names of the Aduenturers.

God be thanked was recovered without maim, and now settled in *Virginia*: how many they lost we know not, but we saw a great many lie on the decks, and their skippers runne with blood, they were about three hundred runnes apeece, each sixtene or twentie Brasse-peece. Captaine *Chester*, who in this fight had behaved himselfe like a most vigilant, resolute, and a couragious souldier, as also our honest and valiant master, did still so comfort and incourage vs by all the means they could, at last to all our great contents we arriued in *Virginia*, and from thence returned safely to *England*.

